

Appl. No. 10/708,053
Amdt. Dated July 10, 2006
Reply to Office Action of June 19, 2006

Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes the addition of Fig. 7, which illustrates claimed elements in the form of a graphical drawing symbol, namely cable drum 9'.

Attachment: Added Sheet

REMARKS/ARGUMENTS

Status of the Application

The Examiner has deemed the Applicant's response to the Office Action mailed April 19, 2006, to be not fully responsive. In particular, Claim 1 was not amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggested language, and either the features of the claims must be shown in the drawings or canceled from the claims.

By this reply, Claims 1, 2, 6-8, and 10-12 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions; Figure 7 has been added to illustrate claimed elements; and the Specification has been amended in accordance with Figure 7. No new claims have been added or canceled, and no new matter has been added to the application. As such, Claims 1-12 remain pending in this application.

Objections to the Drawings Under 35 C.F.R. § 1.83(a)

37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a) states:

Content of drawing.

- (a) The drawing in a nonprovisional application must show every feature of the invention specified in the claims. *However, conventional features disclosed in the description and claims, where their detailed illustration is not essential for a proper understanding of the invention, should be illustrated in the drawing in the form of a graphical drawing symbol or a labeled representation (e.g., a labeled rectangular box).* In addition, tables and sequence listings that are included in the specification are, except for applications filed under 35 U.S.C. 371, not permitted to be included in the drawings. (*emphasis added*)

The Applicant has added Figure 7 to illustrate claimed elements in the form of a graphical drawing symbol, namely driven cable drum 9'. The Applicant respectfully submits that the embodiment of the claimed cable drum in Claims 6 and 7 is a conventional feature disclosed throughout the specification as filed (namely paragraph 45 and amended paragraph 46), drawings (see drawing reference 9), and claims; and that a detailed illustration of the cable drum is not essential for a proper understanding of the invention. As such, the driven cable drum illustrated in the Fig. 7 in the form of a graphical drawing symbol or a labeled representation (i.e., 9') is in compliance with 37 C.F.R. § 1.83(a).

The Applicant respectfully submits that the drawings are in compliance with U.S. patent law and requests removal of the objections.

Objections to the Claims

Claims 1-12 have been amended in accordance with the Examiner's suggestions. As such, the Applicant submits that these claims are in condition for allowance and respectfully requests removal of the objections and issuance of the pending claims.

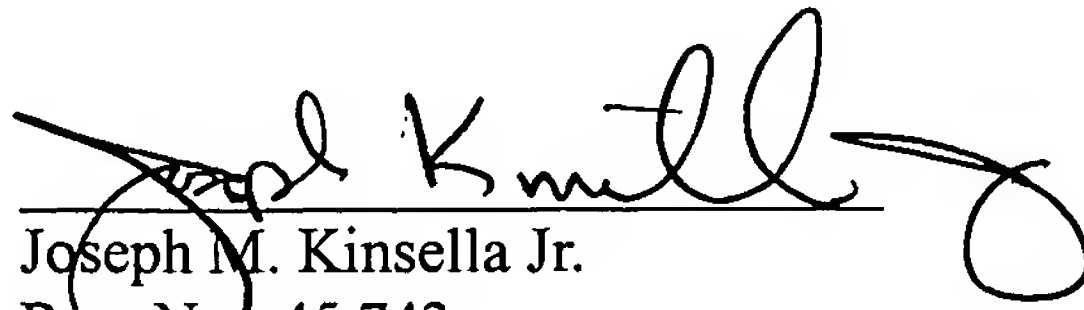
CONCLUSION


Based on the foregoing amendments and remarks, the Applicant respectfully submits that pending claims are in condition for allowance and therefore requests that a timely Notice of Allowance be issued in this case. If the Examiner believes a telephone conference would expedite the allowance of the claims to issue, a call to the undersigned at (312) 226-1818 is earnestly solicited.

The Applicant believes that no fees are required with this correspondence; however, if any fees are required, the Commissioner is authorized to debit Applicant's Deposit Account 50-0545 to cover the costs of any required fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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